

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
Website: www.townofwindhamny.com**

AUGUST 10, 2023

Present: Supervisor: Thomas F. Hoyt
Councilmen: Wayne Van Valin, Ian Peters, Stephen Walker & Kurt Goettsche
Town Clerk: Bonnie Poehmel

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Dominick & Marie Porco & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie & Delaware Engineering John Brust

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present. Supervisor Hoyt & John Brust discussed a punch list of items that still need to be completed at the new ambulance building.

2.NOTIFICATION OF NEW LIQUOR LICENSE: Entity to be Formed by Ely Franko, 39 Goshen Road, Hensonville. The applicant is looking to sell liquor, wine, beer & cider; with a full menu; outside area on the patio or deck, backyard and rooftop. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

3.AMEND NOTIFICATION OF NEW LIQUOR LICENSE: Hudson Valley Restaurant Group LLC; “the following are two amended notifications: on Premises-Restaurant Wine License **d/b/a/ Mountain Top Adventure Park**, South Street, previous notification did not indicate an outdoor deck and on Premises-Restaurant Liquor License **d/b/a/ Vino di Montagna**, 19 Resort Drive, previous notification was for an On Premises Restaurant Wine License, also there has been a change in the d/b/a from “Wheel House””. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, Councilman Peters has obtained as he is employed by Windham Mountain.

4.WYLDER WINDHAM is requesting to host a Fireworks Event for Sunday, September 9, 2023 @ dark 8:30 pm. Young Explosives Corporation will be the fireworks display company. All fireworks are to be completed before 10:00 pm, per Local Law #4 of 2022 Windham Noise Law. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

5.TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT for July: \$12,819.44. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.TOWN JUSTICE MONTHLY REPORT for July: Justice Stevens \$1,454.00 was noted by the Board.

7.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #76 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #13 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #4 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

8.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. ***Calls for the Month of July 2023:*** Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-15, Basic Life Support (BLS)-4, Call Cancelled (C/C)-5; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-2, Public Assist-1; Calls in Hunter: ALS-2; Calls in Jewett: ALS-3, BLS-1, C/C-1, RMA-1; Calls in Hunter: ALS-2, C/C-3, RMA-1; Calls in Cairo: ALS-1, BLS-1, C/C-1; Calls in Ashland: ALS-1, C/C-1; Calls in Durham: C/C-2, P/A-1; Calls in Catskill: ALS-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-4; Stand By for GCEMS-2; **Total calls for: 57, Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Ashland-2 & Durham-1. Vehicle Mileage Log for July 2023:** 96-1: 87,976 and 96-2: 143,867.

9.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The following report for August has been submitted by the Town Assessor Richard Tollner for the Board's review: "July relatively quiet. No reports to submit, issues with laptop persist. NYS Office of Real Property Services has made recommendations, that we will follow through upon. *Requests for unique data continues*, the announcement of future site expansion on South Street handled to a flurry of calls and serious inquires. Realtors and investors were the primary contacts. A lot of math, and even more forecasting. I have attended planning board meetings, solely as an audience member and "real estate librarian". Taxpayers are reminded I am a resource, not a referee. There appears to be no issue with them. All is quiet. Plans are in place to begin even earlier our local updating of our inventory. October will be busy with dozens of specified site visits. Windham has numerous construction sites that are taking longer turnaround times than in the past. Attention is given to those and a rare one or two voluntary (owner based) work stoppages. There exists a possibility of having a SCAR (Small Claims Assessment Review) case. Town attorney has been updated. He is content with the process taken by the Assessor's office. We'll wait and see if taxpayer decides to proceed after conversation with Assessor again.

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. One highway guy is still out with an ankle injury. Next week the highway dept. will be doing shared services with another town. Paving of the town roads are complete for this year. Will be looking at the numbers to see if the dept was right on the money or may be under? Greene County Highway has asked if they can keep a stock pile of millings at the transfer station; which the Town of Windham can use too. The helicopter pad will be replaced back at the new ambulance building soon. The new pad will need to be 100 sq ft. x 100 sq ft. Ninety percent of the work for the helicopter pad can be done by the highway dept. The paving will have to be done from an outside company. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington would like permission from the Town Board to hire a new highway MEO employee. The person of recommendation has his CDL license and he is 19 years old; his background references have all been checked; and he is a recent graduate of WAJ Central School. The new employee if hired would be put on a probation period. Because he has his CDL License he can be hired at full pay for MEO. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington would like to hire Christopher Viola. Chris can start within two weeks or less. A motion to approve Christopher Viola highway MEO was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

11.POLICE REPORT: Sgt. Sherman is currently in charge and is doing his best to fill the part-time shifts. There recently has been trouble with the 518-734-3030 phone number roll-over to the 911 building. 911 Center gets all the calls for the alarms and then calls the local or county depts. according to the location.

12.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** has nothing to report on at this time. **Councilman Van Valin** has had no bids for the Centre Property Paint bid. Councilman Van Valin would like to run the notice again in the newspaper with a new opening date of August 24, 2023. M & C Power Wash has completed the one outside wall of the Centre Property. There is no date set for the new flooring to go into the front entrance of the town hall building. There will be no ground lighting on the helipad this time as the pilots don't want it. The fire depts. have portable lights on the trucks if the lights are requested by the pilots. **Councilman Goettsche** has been in touch with the people who are putting the doggie bag stations on the Windham Path. **Councilman Peters** has nothing to report on at this time. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like to authorize the Town Clerk Bonnie Poehmel to order a compact hand drier AK2630 (\$108.00 cost) for the men's room at the town hall building. It has come to his attention of the paper towel waste. If the hand drier works well; next year the hand drier will be order for the park. A

motion to approve the order was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #15-G contained vouchers #490-532, totaling \$35,262.91 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #15 contained vouchers #143-148, totaling \$6,172.06 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #15 contained vouchers #182-199, totaling \$48,129.11 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #8 contained vouchers #63-70, totaling \$1,336.28 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #14 contained vouchers #135-152, totaling \$10,252.73 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

CAPITAL AMBULANCE BUILDING WARRANT #18 contained voucher #49, totaling \$5,258.23 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

CD LANE PARK ENHANCEMENT WARRANT #30 contained vouchers #72, totaling \$215.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #16-P for **General** contained 19 claims, totaling \$18,809.59 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling \$18,359.82 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 10 claims, totaling \$9,118.60 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #16-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$3,997.44 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #16-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$917.25 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Dominick & Marie Porco are concerned of the new rumors in town for Windham Mountain. They are concerned about all the new building on South Street that is to be completed in the next five-years. Dominick and Marie have been residents and would like to remain here but the building on South Street for Windham Mountain scares them. Supervisor Hoyt in a press release the General Manager noted the mountain is not going private; but they will be limiting the amount of ticket sales and people to be on the mountain at one time. Tickets will be available to the public. Supervisor Hoyt “expressed this is positive for the town, hundreds of millions of dollars to be spent; but also, he would like to see the Town of Windham keeping its charm.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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